

Grant Opportunities

Organization: Acer and Intel

Eligibility: K-12 school libraries

Value: Ten Acer Timeline Notebooks and two Acer All-In-One Desktops per winning school

Deadline: January 8, 2010

Acer and Intel are accepting nominations for Acer's School Library Technology Makeover Contest, which will award 10 new Acer Aspire Timeline notebook computers, valued at nearly \$10,000, and two all-in-one desktop computers to a deserving school library.

Contact: <https://usspringpromo.acer.com/Campaign/SchoolLibraryMakeover/index.ht>

Organization: Knowles Science Teaching Foundation

Eligibility: Individuals who have earned a bachelor's in the area they plan to teach at the high school level

Value: A few awards of up to \$150,000

Deadline: January 13, 2010

The Knowles Science Teaching Foundation is now accepting applications for a comprehensive teaching fellowship available to individuals committed to becoming professional high school science or mathematics teachers. KSTF Teaching Fellowships provide up to five years of financial and professional support to exceptional individuals as they begin their careers teaching in U.S. high schools.

Contact: <http://www.kstf.org/fellowships/teaching.html>

Organization: U.S. Cellular

Eligibility: K-12 schools

Value: Ten awards of \$100,000

Deadline: January 15, 2010

U.S. Cellular is asking people to go online and vote for their schools that have been entered in the Calling All Communities campaign. To enter a school into the campaign, simply visit a U.S. Cellular to get a code and register their school online. The 10 schools with the most votes will receive \$100,000 to use however they choose.

Contact: http://www.uscc.com/uscellular/SilverStream/Pages/x_page.html?p=callin

Organization: C-SPAN

Eligibility: Students in grades six through 12

Value: \$5,000

Deadline: January 20, 2010

C-SPAN is asking students to submit entries to the 2010 StudentCam video documentary competitions, showcasing what national issues are on their minds of students. The national competition invites all middle school students - grades six through eight - and high school students - grades nine through 12 - to produce a five to eight minute video documentary using C-SPAN programming. Students should produce a documentary on one of the country's greatest strengths or a challenge the country is facing. A total of \$50,000 will be awarded in cash prizes, which includes 75 student awards and 11 teacher awards. The Grand Prize winner with the best overall entry will be awarded \$5,000, with multiple cash prize awards of \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1,500, and \$3,000 to students in both middle and high school categories.

Contact: <http://www.studentcam.org/>

Organization: Fund for Teachers

Eligibility: K-12 teachers

Value: Multiple awards of up to \$10,000

Deadline: January 29, 2010

The Fund for Teachers invites educators from across the country to submit proposals for their own do-it-yourself learning odysseys next summer. Destinations and disciplines are limitless as previous itineraries over the past nine years include tours, conferences and independent studies on every continent. Multiple grants - of \$5,000 for individuals and team grants of up to \$10,000 -- will be awarded.

Contact: <http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

Organization: Siemens Foundation

Eligibility: Students in grades K-8, teachers, and mentors

Value: Up to a \$10,000 savings bond

Deadline: January 31, 2010

The Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) announce the 2009 Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge is now accepting entries. The second year of this national sustainability challenge -- now expanded to include elementary school students -- encourages students in kindergarten through eighth grade to team up with their classmates to create replicable solutions to environmental issues in their classroom (grades K-2), school (grades 3-5), and community (grades 6-8). Student and teacher/mentor prizes, which vary according to grade level, include savings bonds, school grants, exciting trips, TV appearances, and more. The deadline for elementary level entries is January 31, 2010 (finalists and winners announced in March 2010); and the deadline for middle school entries is March 15, 2010 (state winners announced in April 2010 and national winners announced in May 2010).

Contact: <http://wecanchange.com/>

Organization: NEA Foundation

Eligibility: Practicing U.S. PreK-12 public school teachers, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions

Value: \$5,000

Deadline: February 1, 2010

The NEA Foundation is providing grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area. The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, or other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged. Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software, or scholars-in-residence. Although some funds may be used to support the professional development necessary to implement the project, the majority of grant funds must be spent on materials or educational experiences for students.

Contact: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-appl>

Organization: NEA Foundation

Eligibility: K-12 public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education

Value: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study

Deadline: February 1, 2010

NEA's Learning & Leadership grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes: grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement. "One-shot" professional growth experiences, such as attending a national conference or engaging a professional speaker, are discouraged. Decisions regarding the content of the professional growth activities must be based upon an assessment of student work undertaken with colleagues, and must be integrated into the institutional planning process. Grant funds may be used for fees, travel expenses, books, or other materials that enable applicants to learn subject matter, instructional approaches, and skills. Recipients are expected to exercise professional leadership by sharing their new learning with their colleagues.

Contact: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-app>

Organization: ExploraVision Awards

Eligibility: Teams of two to four K-12th graders

Value: \$10,000 savings bonds to top four teams

Deadline: February 2, 2010

The ExploraVision program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), is challenging teams of two-to-four students to research scientific principles and current technologies as the basis for designing innovative technologies that could exist in 20 years. Students on the four first-place ExploraVision winning teams will each receive a \$10,000 U.S. Series EE Savings Bond valued at maturity. Students on second-place teams will each receive a \$5,000 bond valued at maturity. The eight teams will also receive an expenses-paid trip with their families, mentor and coach to Washington, DC for a gala awards weekend in June 2010.

Contact: <http://exploravision.org/entry-process/entry-steps.php>

Organization: Toshiba and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

Eligibility: Teams of two to four K-12 students

Value: U.S. EE Savings Bond worth \$10,000 at maturity for each team member

Deadline: February 2, 2010

The Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards Program, the world's largest K-12 science and technology competition, is now accepting entries for its 2010 program year. The ExploraVision program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), challenges teams of 2-4 students to research scientific principles and current technologies as the basis for designing innovative technologies that could exist in 20 years. Students on the four first-place ExploraVision winning teams will each receive a \$10,000 U.S. Series EE Savings Bond valued at maturity. Students on second-place teams will each receive a \$5,000 bond valued at maturity. Student-team coaches/teachers will receive an expense paid trip to Washington, DC in June for ExploraVision Awards Weekend for the coach and mentor of each national winning team; a one-year NSTA membership to coaches of the national winning teams; a Toshiba-branded product for the coach and mentor of each regional winning team; a certificate of participation and an entry gift for each coach and mentor of every team that submits a complete entry; and a special discount on Toshiba computer products. Schools will receive a Toshiba laptop for each of the schools of the regional winning teams and an awards ceremony for each regional winning team at their school where they will receive a winner's banner, plaque, and other gifts.

Contact: <http://www.exploravision.org/>

Organization: National Endowment for the Humanities

Eligibility: U. S. nonprofit institutions (public agency, private nonprofit organization, tribal government) working wholly or in part with the humanities

Value: Matching grant

Deadline: February 3, 2010

NEH invites applications for Challenge Grants in United States History and Culture. This grant opportunity is designed to help institutions and organizations strengthen their ability to explore significant themes and events in American history, so as to advance our understanding of how--since the nation's founding--these events have shaped and been shaped by American identity and culture. NEH seeks to support a range of approaches to the American experience: for example, approaches might explore significant

events in America's history, its democratic institutions, the political principles on which the nation is founded, or the complicated mix of peoples and cultures that have formed America. Also welcome are proposals that seek support for the study of the history and culture of the United States in international contexts rather than in isolation--proposals that explore relationships with other nations and cultures that have profoundly affected the course of United States history. NEH also welcomes proposals for programming at America's historic places (e.g., historic sites, neighborhoods, communities, or larger geographical regions).

Contact: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/CG_UShistory.html

Organization: Amgen Foundation

Eligibility: K-12 science teachers in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Washington and parts of Canada

Value: \$5,000

Deadline: February 5, 2010

The Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence (AASTE) is an annual awards program that recognizes extraordinary contributions by educators across the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada who are elevating the level of science literacy through creativity in the classroom and motivation of students. An independent panel of judges selects the winners based on the following criteria: creativity and effectiveness of teaching methods; the plan for the use of grant money to improve science education resources in their schools; and an innovative science lesson plan showcasing innovative methods in the classroom.

Contact: <http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/aaste.html>

Organization: Cambium Learning Technologies and The Max Warburg Courage Curriculum

Eligibility: Middle-school students in grades five through eight

Value: Kurzweil 3000 USB Professional Color software and an Apple iPod Touch

Deadline: February 10, 2010

To help students find inspiration in reading and writing, Cambium Learning Technologies and The Max Warburg Courage Curriculum is inviting middle school students in grades five through eight to take part in the "Courage in My Community" writing contest. Students are to write a descriptive, personal essay about witnessing courage in their community or family, or about personal acts of courage they have faced, and how that courage has made an impact in their lives. The winning student will receive a Kurzweil 3000 USB Professional Color software and an Apple iPod Touch. Their school will receive half-day training on The Max Warburg Courage Curriculum, a Kurzweil 3000 Web License Learning Lab Pack with one Professional Color license and four LearnStation licenses (valued at over \$3000, and two seats in Cambium Learning Technologies' Kurzweil 3000 online training course.

Contact: <http://www.courageinmycommunity.com/index.html>

Organization: Literacy Empowerment Foundation

Eligibility: Schools and literacy projects

Value: Free books

Deadline: February 12, 2010

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF) is inviting school or other literacy projects to apply for free books for Read Across America Day. During the past year, LEF has distributed over 3,000,000 books to schools all across the country for Read Across America Day and other literacy projects. Resources are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders must be received by Feb. 12th, 2010.

Contact: http://www.lefbooks.org/reading_resource_project/

Organization: Horace Mann Companies and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Eligibility: Full-time teachers of kindergarten through 12th grade of any discipline in the U.S.

Value: 40 fellowship awards

Deadline: February 12, 2010

Horace Mann and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) have teamed up to offer 50 teachers the opportunity to study the life and legacy of our 16th president. The Fellowship is open to any full-time teacher of Kindergarten through 12th grade of any discipline in the United States. The curriculum is geared toward teachers of students in grades 4 to 12. No special knowledge of history or Lincoln is required. Residents of Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, and Hawaii are not eligible. The Fellowship features two five-day programs, one in June and one in July 2010, at the ALPLM in Springfield, Ill., and it includes complimentary round-trip transportation, lodging, and most meals.

Contact: <https://www.horacemann.com/resources/fellowships/default.aspx>

Organization: Pulse of the Planet

Eligibility: Third- through sixth-graders

Value: Travel to collaborate with a scientist in the student's field of research

Deadline: February 28, 2010

The Kids' Science Challenge is asking students to propose an original question, problem or experiment that relates to the group of scientists involved with the competition. Winning students in each category will then have the opportunity to meet and work with these scientists, in addition to winning great prizes. Students can enter as individuals or in collaborative teams in the classroom and after school. Winners' prizes will include a week at Space Camp, an exclusive VIP tour of the San Diego Zoo, a week at a Pali Adventures Camp, in addition to receiving microscopes, Zoobs and other science kits and toys.

Contact: <http://kidsciencechallenge.com/>

Organization: Studica

Eligibility: All students worldwide

Value: Various prizes of software, hardware, electronics, etc.

Deadline: April 29, 2010

Studicaskills.com has opened their new cycle of competitions, which are geared towards opening the creative minds of students by using software products that stress knowledge in the areas of animation, computer-aided design, graphic design, scriptwriting, digital sketching, digital video, music, as well as many other categories. The Studica Skills competitions are primarily software competitions, but also include hardware, home recording, video, and robotics. With over a dozen different competitions being offered, Studica Skills is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their creativity, talent, and skills. To optimize chances of winning, students are permitted up to three unique entries per competition, as well as being allowed to enter as many competitions as they choose. Prizes awarded include various software products, electronics, books, and clothing. In addition to the top three prize winners in each competition, competitions award monthly prizes via a lottery system where all entries have an equal chance of winning

Contact: <http://www.studicaskills.com/pg/competition>

Organization: Reading Rockets

Eligibility: Students in grades K-12

Value: Students' writing is published on Reading Rockets and AdLit and they receive a selection of autographed books from authors and illustrators

Deadline: June 10, 2010

Reading Rockets and AdLit.org recently launched a new monthly challenge that gives students a chance to flex their writing muscles with writing prompts. The prompts are inspired by the 18 authors and illustrators participating in the Exquisite Corpse Adventure, a new serial story that's unfolding on the Library of Congress website. The Exquisite Prompt contest is a series of monthly writing challenges designed as a classroom activity for kids in grades K-12. Teachers can engage their students by selecting just one of the monthly challenges or try a new challenge every month. The prompts are based on the

works or the lives of the 18 participating authors and illustrators and the project can be used in conjunction with, or independent of, the Exquisite Corpse Adventure.

Contact: <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/fun/exquisiteprompt>

Organization: The Libri Foundation

Eligibility: Rural libraries in the United States

Value: Up to \$700 per award

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new, high-quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. The books donated through the Books for Children program are used for storytelling; toddler, preschool, and after-school programs; summer reading programs; "book buddy" programs, in which older children read to younger children; holiday programs; teacher check-out and curriculum support; early childhood development programs; school projects; and to just provide children with a "good read." Applicants' Friends of Library programs or other local initiatives are expected to contribute up to \$350 toward the project, which the Libri Foundation will match on a 2-to-1 ratio. The foundation awards grants three times a year. The application deadlines are March 15, July 15, and Dec. 15.

Contact: <http://www.librifoundation.org>

Organization: eProfessional Association

Eligibility: K-12 schools and districts

Value: \$500 to \$100,000 per award

eProfessional Association, the nonprofit arm of Minnesota-based Distributed Website Corp., is providing \$10 million in grants for web-based applications to help K-12 schools and districts add new features to their existing school web sites. For the grant process, eProfessional Association will conduct a needs assessment with the requesting organization's technology or administrative staff. Only schools that are found to benefit from reduced operational costs as a result of the technology will be provided with grants. Grants range from \$500 to \$100,000 depending upon the applicant's need. Applicants are required to contribute a portion of the cost, which will be determined based on the school's financial capability.

Contact: Mark Kevitt

<http://www.eProfessionalAssoc.org>

Organization: The Tellabs Foundation

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations

Value: \$10,000 or more

The Tellabs Foundation, created by telecommunications provider Tellabs Inc., supports local and national education programs with a particular focus on curricula for engineering, science, mathematics, and technology. The Foundation focuses its support on programs in areas in which Tellabs employees live and work. Unless invited by the Foundation Board to submit a full grant proposal, all new applicants or programs first must submit a letter of inquiry. The deadline for letters of inquiry or invited proposals is four weeks prior to every Tellabs Foundation Board meeting, which are held quarterly, usually in January, April, July and October. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered at the next meeting. It is recommended that letters of inquiry be submitted at least four months before funding is needed.

Contact: Meredith Hilt

<http://www.tellabs.com/about/foundation.shtml>

Organization: The Conservation Trust

Eligibility: Applicants must provide a record of prior research or conservation action as it pertains to the proposed project

Value: Grants ranging from \$15,000-\$20,000

The objective of the Conservation Trust is to support conservation activities around the world as they fit within the mission of the National Geographic Society. The trust will fund projects that contribute significantly to the preservation and sustainable use of the Earth's biological, cultural, and historical

resources. The Conservation Trust's strength lies in supporting cutting edge programs that might be overlooked by other organizations, owing to the risk involved in working with new investigators and in new fields.

Contact: http://www.nationalgeographic.com/conservation/grant_application.html#eligibi

Organization: The Actuarial Foundation

Eligibility: Schools and nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada

Value: Up to \$25,000 total

Through its Advancing Student Achievement program, the Actuarial Foundation awards monetary grants to schools and nonprofit groups throughout the United States and Canada. The basic requirement for schools or groups seeking funding is that they develop a viable mentoring program involving actuaries in the teaching of mathematics to children in private or public schools. The program brings together actuaries and educators in local classroom environments with the belief that interaction with real-world mentors will boost students' interest and achievement in math. The Actuarial Foundation provides a local network of actuaries ready to participate, as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom. Groups applying for grants will be given wide latitude in designing programs that enhance learning and create a "love of math" in each student.

Contact: http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/for_teachers.shtml

Organization: Toshiba America Foundation

Eligibility: Educators in grades 7-12

Value: \$5,000 per award; number of awards varies

The Toshiba America Foundation is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to supporting science and math education in the U.S. The foundation contributes to the quality of science and mathematics education by investing in projects designed by classroom teachers to improve instruction for students in grades 7-12. The foundation awards grants of \$5,000 on a rolling basis. For grants of more than \$5,000, applications are due Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 of each year.

Contact: http://www.toshiba.com/taf/25964_Executive.pdf

Organization: Adopt-a-Classroom

Eligibility: Teachers

Value: \$500 credit

Teachers who register at the Adopt-a-Classroom web site can be adopted by an individual, a business, or a foundation. Once adopted, teachers will receive \$500 worth of credit to purchase items that enrich the learning environment, including classroom technology. Teachers help solicit their own sponsors by downloading and distributing fliers within their community or by sending out a personalized, pre-written eMail from the Adopt-a-Classroom web site. Every donor receives information about the classroom it has adopted, including an itemized list of what teachers bought so donors can see the impact of their donation.

Contact: <http://www.adoptaclassroom.com>

Organization: The Sprint Foundation

Eligibility: Schools

Value: \$500,000

The Sprint Foundation supports educational projects that foster school reform through the use of new technologies and through fresh approaches to the enhancement of teachers' skills. Although Sprint does not have an application form, the foundation recommends that applicants identify how their projects support Sprint's objectives: innovation and the use of technology in the classroom; enhanced education for minorities and/or the disadvantaged; and increased employee and public support of education.

Because these grants are supported by employee contributions matched by foundation funds, grants are available primarily for projects in areas with a significant employee presence, such as Kansas City, Atlanta, Dallas, and Sacramento. Schools and other education-related nonprofit agencies can apply for

grants totaling about \$500,000 per year. The Sprint Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous basis. Applicants typically will receive a response within four to six weeks.

Contact: <http://www.sprint.com/proposals>

Organization: The PNC Financial Services Group

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations located near PNC facilities (counties in Delaware, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Ohio)

Value: \$503,000 total

Part of a \$100 million investment in early childhood education by the PNC Financial Services Group, the PNC Grow Up Great grant program offers \$503,000 to better prepare children, from birth to age five, for school. Grants will be awarded to 12 early-education organizations, including Head Start centers. Nearly \$50 million of PNC's overall investment will be devoted to grants to nonprofit early-education organizations over the next 10 years.

Contact: Mia Hallett Bernard

<http://www.pncgrowupgreat.com>

Organization: Comcast Foundation

Eligibility: Programs addressing literacy, volunteerism, and youth leadership

Value: Awards range from \$1,000-\$570,000

The Comcast Foundation has given more than \$43 million to non-profit organizations in Comcast communities nationwide. The goal of the Comcast Foundation is to maximize the impact of community investments so they yield tangible, measurable benefits to the neighborhoods Comcast serves and the people who live there. Community partners are proactively identified by local Comcasters in the field.

Contact: <http://www.comcast.com/foundation>

Organization: The Allstate Foundation

Eligibility: See web site

Value: Varies

The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas. Proposals for program support must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding. Safe and vital communities programs should address catastrophe response, youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, or teen safe driving. Economic empowerment programs should address financial and economic literacy, insurance education, or empowerment for victims of domestic violence. Tolerance, inclusion and diversity programs should address teaching tolerance to youth, ending hate crimes, and alleviating discrimination.

Contact: <http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=funding.html>

Organization: Olympus and Tool Factory

Eligibility: Educators

Value: Varies

Every teacher has the power to earn funding at Digital Wish. Like a wedding registry, teachers make their technology wishes public and tell their story, so that anyone can make a donation to their classroom's cart. Registered teachers will automatically qualify for 43 new technology grants from Olympus and Tool Factory, including a Mobile Digital Camera Lab. Grants are then awarded to the teachers with the best all-around class profile and lesson plans. Regardless of whether teachers win a grant, their story will be available for any potential donor to read, and later contribute to. The Digital Wish web site also features a library of grant links and fundraising resources to help educators find additional funding for technology. There is also an extensive library of lesson plans so that educators can find ideas for digital projects.

Contact: <http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/home>

Organization: EcoPhones

Eligibility: Schools and universities

Value: Varies

The EcoPhones Drive is a cellular phone fund-raising and recycling program that pays organizations up to \$100 for each used digital cell phone they turn in. No buying or selling is required to participate, just recycling. EcoPhones provides a free marketing kit to help launch community phone drives. Once you have collected a full box of cell phones, EcoPhones will pick them up for free. Within 60 days you'll receive a check.

Contact: <http://www.ecophones.com>

Organization: Washington Mutual Inc.

Eligibility: Schools

Value: Varies

With the help of its customers, Washington Mutual expects to drive millions of dollars in donations to K-12 schools through a new check-card program that will provide unrestricted funding to local schools for school supplies, computers, musical instruments, playground equipment, or whatever a school needs. The program, called Wamoola for Schools, ties support for local schools to check-card usage. Customers simply enroll by designating a local school to benefit and use their Washington Mutual check card. For each purchase, the school receives a point, which is worth approximately 5 cents. At the end of the year, points are converted to cash and schools are sent checks.

Contact: <http://www.wamoolaforschools.com>

Organization: MissionFish and eBay

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Value: Varies

Since 2000, MissionFish has helped nonprofits raise hundreds of thousands of dollars through eBay's online auctions. Schools and districts can register for free to appear in MissionFish's database of benefiting organizations. When eBay sellers list their item for sale through MissionFish, they can then pick your school and indicate a percentage of the proceeds to donate, ranging from 10 to 100 percent.

Contact: <http://www.missionfish.org>

Organization: Uno Chicago Grill

Eligibility: Schools near Uno restaurants

Value: Varies

Uno Chicago Grill offers a variety of programs that support school curriculum and help schools raise money. For the Uno fundraiser, schools distribute Uno Fundraising Tickets throughout their community and, for every person who dines at Uno's and presents a ticket during the agreed time period, Uno will donate 20 percent of their check plus tax and tip to your organization. Through Uno School Awards, the restaurant offers certificates and free meal coupons that teachers can use as incentives to motivate students. Uno's also throws Uno Pizza Maker Parties for elementary school classes. Students visit the restaurant, tour the kitchen, learn about cooking safely, and then make their own pizzas.

Contact: http://www.unos.com/uno_fund.html

Organization: Texas Instruments

Eligibility: Schools

Value: Free TI handhelds

By taking advantage of Texas Instruments' Volume Purchase Program, educators can get free technology and classroom activities when they purchase qualifying TI educational handhelds. Under the program, K-12 educators collect proofs of purchase and earn points toward free TI handheld technology, and they can earn double points when they purchase the TI-83 Plus Silver Edition. For additional details, check the company's web site. Contact: (866) 848-7722 or ti-educators@ti.com

Contact: Volume Purchase Program

<http://education.ti.com/educationportal/sites/US/nonProductMulti/suppo>

Organization: SAS

Eligibility: All educators

Value: Free access to SAS Curriculum Pathways

SAS Curriculum Pathways, which is used by thousands of teachers in more than 30 states, is now available for free to every educator in America. SAS Curriculum Pathways provides content in the core disciplines of English, mathematics, social studies, science and Spanish. Aligned with state standards, it has more than 200 InterActivities and 855 ready-to-use lessons that enable technology-rich instruction and engage higher-order thinking skills. It is primarily for use in grades 8-12, though middle school content is in development.

Contact: <http://www.sas.com/govedu/edu/curriculum/index.html>

Organization: Adobe Systems Inc.

Eligibility: Schools and nonprofits

Value: Software

Adobe Systems Inc. supports K-12 schools and nonprofits by donating up to four packages of its latest software. Eligible organizations have a core mission that focus on at least one of the following: improving K-12 student performance; developing curriculum for K-12 classrooms; developing and providing K-12 teacher training and development; and working to prevent hunger and homelessness. The program is managed by Gifts In Kind International. Requests are reviewed every other month based on the primary services the organization provides. Organizations may only apply once in a 12-month period.

Contact: <http://www.adobe.com/aboutadobe/philanthropy/software.html>

Organization: ConocoPhillips Co.

Eligibility: Teachers

Value: Free educational videos

For the past 25 years, ConocoPhillips Co. has been producing high-quality educational videos and teachers' guides for math, science, and environmental topics. These materials have been offered to qualified teachers for free and have been seen by millions of junior high and high school students. These free teaching guides and videos cover topics ranging from math and science to problem solving and protecting wildlife. To order one of ConocoPhillips' educational films, visit the Teaching Tools web site or fax your request to (570) 822-8226.

Contact: <http://www.teachingtools.com>

Organization: Google Inc.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Value: Free advertising space

The Google Grants program supports nonprofit organizations focused in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Google Grants harnesses the power of its flagship advertising product, Google AdWords, to nonprofits seeking to inform and engage their constituents online. Google Grant recipients use their award of three months of free AdWords advertising on Google.com to raise awareness and increase traffic. Google Grants has awarded AdWords advertising to hundreds of nonprofit groups whose missions range from animal welfare and literacy to supporting homeless children and promoting HIV education.

Contact: <http://www.google.com/grants>

Organization: DIRECTV

Eligibility: K-12 schools

Value: Equipment, content

The DIRECTV Goes to School program offers educators a free, nonviolent educational programming package and satellite equipment to reach students through auditory, kinesthetic, and visual means. The programming package, called SCHOOL CHOICE, is available to state-accredited public and private schools serving students in grades K-12. A free DIRECTV Multi-Satellite System also will be provided, although there is a limited quantity available. Installation costs are not included.

Contact: <http://www.directv.com/school>

Organization: The Broad Foundation

Eligibility: K-12 school districts in eligible urban areas

Value: Varies

The Broad Foundation's mission is to improve K-12 urban public education through better governance, management, and labor relations. The foundation seeks applications that aim to enlist talent, redefine roles and authorities, develop high-performing leaders and systems, provide incentives for results, and honor and showcase success. Organizations seeking funding should carefully review the foundation's web site to ensure that their proposals are consistent with its mission and that the focus of the work is located in one of the eligible districts. The foundation considers concept papers at the end of the month in which they are received. All concept papers will receive a response within 60 days, and applicants whose concept papers are of interest to the foundation may be asked to submit a full proposal. Note that the foundation funds less than five percent of unsolicited inquiries.

Contact: Wendy Jones

<http://www.broadfoundation.org>

Organization: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations located near Lowe's stores

Value: Varies

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, founded in 1957, funds large-scale education and community improvement projects that address issues of importance to local communities and are supported by the management of local Lowe's stores. The foundation has a long and proud history of contributing to grassroots community projects. Requests are processed within three to four weeks, and a written response will be sent via U.S. mail within eight to 10 weeks. Owing to the large volume of requests, the foundation is unable to fulfill every request. Unsolicited requests and proposals not aligned with Lowe's focus areas will not be funded.

Contact: <http://www.lowes.com/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowe/Community#charitable>

Organization: Environmental Research and Education Foundation

Eligibility: Colleges and universities

Value: \$10,000-\$500,000

The Foundation awards several grants each year for research or education in topics pertaining with any aspect of solid waste management. Project topics could deal with any aspect of the following, but are not limited to: waste generation rates and composition; waste minimization; collection and transport; sorting, recycling, and remanufacture; disposal options (e.g. land filling or incineration); waste or energy recovery (e.g. composting, landfill gas to energy); innovations in collection and transportation equipment development; employee health and safety; and sustainability or resources.

Contact: <http://www.erefndn.org/guide.html>

Organization: Allstate Foundation

Eligibility: Nonprofits

Value: Varies

The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas. Proposals for program support must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding. Safe and vital communities programs should address catastrophe response, youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, or teen safe driving. Economic empowerment programs should address financial and economic literacy, insurance education, or empowerment for victims of domestic violence. Tolerance, inclusion and diversity programs should address teaching tolerance to youth, ending hate crimes, and alleviating discrimination.

Contact: <http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=funding.html>

Organization: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Eligibility: Schools and districts

Value: Grants

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation seeks to achieve greater quality and equality of educational opportunity in the United States and throughout the world through grants that support increased student achievement, improved access to exemplary educational content, and other goals as outlined on its web site. The foundation will not consider requests to fund student aid, individual scholarships, construction, equipment and computer purchases, health research, or health education programs. Applicants should submit a brief letter of intent for initial review, after which proposals may or may not be requested. Full proposals will not be accepted unless they are requested. Check the foundation's web site for details before sending a letter of intent.

Contact: Grants Administration Department

<http://www.hewlett.org>

Organization: Garth Brooks' Teammates for Kids Foundation

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Value: Varies

The Teammates for Kids Foundation accepts proposals for grants from nonprofit organizations that specialize in working with children. Grants support the ongoing work of operating organizations that help needy children in the areas of health, education, and inner-city services. The foundation's priorities focus on educational achievement in areas of documented weakness; advanced learning opportunities to gifted children who would otherwise lack the resources necessary to pursue dreams and talents; and exposing children to learning opportunities they would otherwise not experience because of insufficient financial resources. The foundation will accept applications twice in 2005: Feb. 1 and July 31.

Contact: <http://www.teammates4kids.com>

Half-off matching grants to buy math software

Organization: The International Academy of Science

Eligibility: Schools or districts that teach grades 6-12, junior college, or university

Value: 50 percent match

The International Academy of Science developed the Acellus Matching Program to help qualified schools purchase Acellus Learning Systems so they can raise students' math scores. The Acellus Learning System is a video-based interactive education tool that is helping students master Mathematics.

Approved schools will be required to cover the remaining cost of the software. The eligible software programs and their full prices are listed on the grant application.

Contact: Julianna Habing or Martha Asay

<http://www.science.edu/AcellusGrants>

Organization: The federal government

Eligibility: Schools

Value: Surplus computers

Through its Computers for Learning program, the federal government has placed hundreds of thousands of surplus computers in schools across the country on a needs-first basis. Schools register and request equipment on the Computers for Learning web site, and federal agencies match their surplus equipment to schools with those needs. Most, but not all, of the available computers are Windows-based PCs rather than computers made by Apple. Most of the donated machines are older models, but as the government continues to upgrade its computer systems, the number of surplus Pentium computers will sharply increase. Computers and equipment are not refurbished by the government before being shipped to schools, nor are they covered by warranty.

Contact: <http://www.computers.fed.gov>

Organization: International Communications Industries Foundation

Eligibility: Open

Value: To be determined

InfoComm International's foundation, the International Communications Industries Foundation (ICIF), created the Michael Vergauwen Education Fund to recognize the career achievements of AV industry leader, Michael Vergauwen. Vergauwen, the COO of AVI Systems and officer of InfoComm International, died in an accident on June 28. The Michael Vergauwen Education Fund will foster educational opportunities, enhancing the audiovisual industry's service to the public through scholarships, curriculum development, community engagement and the promotion of careers in the AV field. Proceeds from investing the fund will be used on an annual basis to create these new educational opportunities, while the balance will be maintained to continue to make investments in the industry on an ongoing basis. The fund has set an initial target of \$100,000 to begin the activities of the fund. Companies and individuals wishing to contribute to this fund should send donations to: Michael Vergauwen Education Fund, ICIF, 11242 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030. Checks should be made payable to the International Communications Industries Foundation. Donations will be tax deductible.

Contact: <http://www.infocomm.org/cps/rde/xchg/infocomm/hs.xsl/index.htm>

Organization: Intel Corp.

Eligibility: Schools

Value: Grants

Intel Corp.'s Model School Program gives every school in the United States the chance to apply for potential seeding of equipment. To apply, schools must submit an innovative proposal for using technology to enhance instruction, and if Intel likes what it sees, it will match grant recipients with companies that can provide the equipment necessary to meet their needs. Whitney High School in Cerritos, Calif., and Miami Carol City Senior High School in Miami are the program's first two recipients.

Contact: <http://www.intel.com/modelschool>

Organization: The Northrop Grumman Foundation

Eligibility: Pre-college through college

The Northrop Grumman Foundation contributes to organizations defined as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service. The priority is to provide assistance to national-level science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs spanning pre-college through collegiate levels. Grant requests are accepted throughout the year, but are reviewed late in the calendar year for funding the following year. Organizations may only submit a request for financial assistance one time in a calendar year.

Contact: <http://www.northropgrumman.com/corporate-responsibility/corporate-citi>

Organization: NASA

Eligibility: K-12 students

Value: NASA certificate and education materials

Register online to participate in the NASA Engineering Design Challenge: Lunar Plant Growth Chamber. During the 2007-2008 school year, K-12 students will design, analyze, build and assess plant growth

chambers that could be used on the moon. Registrants will receive a packet of cinnamon basil seeds that flew on the STS-118 space shuttle mission and a control packet of seeds that have not flown. The two sets of seeds will be used to evaluate the student-designed plant growth chamber. Sign up for the NASA Express listserv to receive e-Mail messages about the challenge, updates to the challenge web site, and announcements about NASA education activities. The seeds will be available to the first 100,000 registrants.

Contact: <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/plantgrowth/home/index.html>

Organization: Lawson Software

Eligibility: Schools

Value: Varies

On March 9, Lawson Software launched www.ImpactSchools.org, an online giving tool that allows donors to provide direct funding to the elementary or secondary school of their choice within a participating district. This tool allows school advocates to choose to donate to a specific program within each school, such as music, computers, sports, or field trips. In total, 97 percent of every tax-deductible donation goes directly to the school and program of choice. St. Paul Public Schools is the first district, with 68 participating schools, to benefit from this program. In the coming year, St. Paul-based Lawson plans to roll out ImpactSchools.org to districts across the nation. To get more information or to sign up, send an e-Mail to the address listed below.

Contact: <http://www.ImpactSchools.org>

Organization: North Carolina Public Schools

Eligibility: K-12 schools in North Carolina

Value: Multiple awards from the AARA

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) distributed ARRA funds to states to save and create jobs while advancing reforms and improvements that will create long-lasting results for K-12 students. ARRA will provide funding to North Carolina schools through existing federal formula and competitive grant programs including Title I, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance program. Schools with programs that meet these criteria are encouraged to apply.

Contact: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/arra/>

Organization: Boeing Co.

Eligibility: K-12 schools near Boeing's facilities and institutions of higher education nationwide

Value: Grants and volunteer support

Education is one of the Boeing Co.'s four areas of support. The largest single block of company contributions goes to education, including K-12 and college and university programs across the nation and in the countries where Boeing has operations. Boeing is a major supporter of systemic reform in public education. The company works in partnership with public school districts located near major Boeing facilities and encourages employees to become active volunteers engaged in sharing their knowledge and skills with K-12 students.

Contact: <http://www.boeing.com/educationrelations>

Organization: Premier Literacy

Eligibility: Schools and nonprofit organizations

Value: Full Premier Assistive Technology software suite

Since 2002, Premier Assistive Technology Inc. has been offering its full suite of Accessibility Suite software products to educational and nonprofit organizations through its Breaking Down Barriers to Assistive Technology grant program, which has benefited more than 1,800 school districts nationwide. To help meet the reading and writing challenges of all students, including English Language Learners and those with learning disabilities, the program offers a range of software that reads digital text aloud, provides study efficiency tools, and converts hard copy text to digital format. The grant includes an

unlimited institutional license to install all applications on all workstations/networks in a district. Grant applications take two to three weeks to process.

Contact: <http://www.readingmadeez.com/education/grant.html>

Organization: U.S. Department of Education

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program is designed to prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in the fields of math and science. Secondary schools are eligible for this grant if there are no other applicants capable of providing an Upward Bound project in the area. The grant is targeted for institutions of higher education, public and private agencies and organizations, including community and faith-based organizations.

Contact: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/trioupbound/index.html>

Organization: Epson America Inc. and FundingFactory

Eligibility: U.S. schools

Value: Varies

Epson America, in partnership with FundingFactory, allows schools and nonprofits nationwide to return ink cartridges for rewards that can boost fundraising efforts and help the environment. Educational and nonprofit organizations can earn points by collecting genuine Epson ink cartridges and sending them to FundingFactory for recycling. The cartridges will be converted to energy through an environmentally sound incineration process at a licensed waste-to-energy recycling facility. Participation in FundingFactory is completely free to all schools and nonprofit organizations. Once an organization registers at FundingFactory's web site, materials are sent to help them launch the program and start earning points in an easy-to-use online account. Their account is credited with points for every eligible Epson cartridge sent in; those points can be redeemed by the organization for cash and/or equipment.

Contact: <http://www.FundingFactory.com>

Organization: Toyota and the National Science Teachers Association

Eligibility: K-12 science teachers

Value: Numerous grants totaling \$550,000

Elementary, middle, and high school science teachers in the United States, U.S. territories, and Puerto Rico are asked to apply – individually or in teams, submitting project proposals that demonstrate creativity, involve risk-taking, possess a visionary quality, and model a novel way of presenting science. Proposed projects should promote exciting and innovative activities to motivate students in science.

Contact: <http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/index.htm>

Organization: The National Science Foundation

Eligibility: U.S. school teachers

Value: Professional development

The GLOBE program, which stands for Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment, is a hands-on, school-based science and education program. It was formed through a partnership between several organizations including the National Science Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The program teaches students how to research environmental topics while encouraging them to share their findings via the web. Specifically, the program provides resources for students to monitor the environment through the use of soil samples, atmospheric readings, land cover, and phenology. Teachers also benefit from this program through free training at GLOBE workshops, complementary educational videos, and continuous access to a teacher's help desk.

Contact: <http://www.globe.gov>

Organization: The Allstate Foundation

Eligibility: Schools

Value: Up to \$10,000

The Allstate Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations, including public K-12 schools, for projects that are related to automobile and highway safety, homes and neighborhoods, and personal safety and security. Under the personal safety and security initiative, programs that raise awareness of poverty, child abuse, drugs, and violence prevention are eligible for consideration. Applicants should offer safeguards against gangs, guns, sexual harassment, and domestic violence. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. There are no deadlines.

Contact: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation>

Organization: The Corning Inc. Foundation

Eligibility: Schools and districts

Value: Up to \$2.25 million

The Corning Inc. Foundation, established in 1952, develops and administers projects in support of educational, cultural, and community organizations. Over the years, the foundation has contributed more than \$83 million through its grant programs. Each year, the foundation fulfills approximately 225 grants totaling some \$2.25 million. Corning's areas of involvement have included community service programs for students, curriculum enrichment, student scholarships, facility improvement, and instructional technology projects for the classroom. The foundation also supports youth centers, YMCAs, and local chapters of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. All requests for support must be made in writing.

Contact: http://www.corning.com/inside_corning/foundation.asp

Organization: Waksman Foundation for Microbiology

Eligibility: K-12 science teachers

Value: Up to \$20,000 per award

The Waksman Foundation supports projects that enhance teachers' use of microorganisms to teach science in the K-12 classroom. Eligible projects are designed to enhance K-12 education through teacher training, course or curriculum development, construction of laboratory exercises, or innovative use of electronic media. There are no fixed application deadlines, but proposals submitted by the end of September or January can be assured of action within a month or two. Applicants are encouraged to contact the foundation by telephone or e-Mail before submitting a proposal.

Contact: Nan Waksman Schanbacher

<http://www.waksmanfoundation.org>

Organization: The Home Depot Foundation

Eligibility: Schools and districts

Value: Up to \$25,000

The Home Depot Foundation gives cash and materials to help provide young people with safe places to play and learn, leadership programs that teach skills through community engagement, and job readiness training. The Home Depot Foundation focuses its support on programs that serve at-risk youth ages 12 to 18. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The foundation gives first priority to organizations that have been invited to apply for a grant. However, the foundation also will consider unsolicited requests that match its eligibility requirements. The foundation will consider only one proposal from the same organization in a 12-month period. Applications are reviewed four times per year and are to be submitted online.

Contact: <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org>

Organization: Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

Eligibility: K-12 music programs

Value: Musical instruments and instrument repairs

The Melody program is designed to provide musical instruments and instrument repairs to existing K-12 school music programs that have no other source of financing to purchase additional musical instruments or materials. Applicants whose music programs lack institutional financial support and whose students qualify for financial assistance will receive greater consideration. The applicant school must have an ongoing music program that is at least three years old.

Contact: <http://www.mhopus.org/apply.htm>

Organization: General Mills Inc.

Eligibility: K-8 schools in the United States

Value: Up to \$60,000 per year

The Box Tops for Education program offers three ways for schools to earn cash through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online, and making purchases with a credit card. When parents and community members clip box tops from General Mills products, schools can get 10 cents per box top. Schools also can earn up to 10 percent of each qualifying purchase made online at the Box Tops Marketplace. Box Tops also offers a Visa card that returns 1 percent of each purchase back to your school. Each program can generate up to \$20,000 per year per school, for a maximum of \$60,000 per year. Each participating school must designate a school coordinator to be enrolled in the program. Check the Box Tops for Education web site for more details.

Contact: <http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Organization: Tool Factory/Olympus

Eligibility: K-12 teachers

Value: 43 Mobile Labs

In the Digital Wish program teachers are asked to submit technology-based lesson plans, which focus on interesting ways to infused technology in the classroom. As many as the top 43 lesson plans will be awarded varying grants for hardware and software. Winners are chosen on the 28th day of every month.

Contact: [http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/grant awards](http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/grant_awards)

Organization: Hall Research

Eligibility: All educational institutions

Value: Grants for classroom A/V control equipment

Hall Research announced the launch of the T-Squared (Teaching through Technology) Grant Program that will give educational institutions the opportunity to receive grants for classroom A/V control equipment. Schools will have the ability to apply for a grant by filling out and submitting a simple application. Hall Research's Grant Committee will review applications and announce grant recipients on a regular basis as long as the grant program stays in effect. The grant program is available to any public or private primary, secondary, and higher education institution in the United States.

Contact: [http://www.hallresearch.com/page/News/T-Squared Grant](http://www.hallresearch.com/page/News/T-Squared_Grant)

Organization: The Wireless Foundation

Eligibility: Public Schools

Value: Phone/internet equipment

The Wireless Foundation initiates and oversees philanthropic programs that utilize wireless technology to help American communities. The Wireless Foundation created ClassLink to help with the challenge presented by U.S. classrooms do not have a telephone, and by the many schools are unable to install computer and phone lines due to aging buildings and the danger of asbestos. Through ClassLink, Nokia and CTIA wireless carriers donate wireless phones and airtime to public schools nationwide in order to accelerate learning through an application process.

Contact: <http://www.wirelessfoundation.org/>